

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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# MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SYDNEY :  
THOMAS HENRY TENNANT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.  
1945.

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## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1944.													
October ...	30	33	95	28	52	23	38	98	73	31	33	54	34
November ...	35	45	46	32	41	39	43	47	45	73	31	28	56
December ...	42	8	55	49	37	34	11	56	42	59	32	43	50
1945.													
January ...	104	151	114	42	114	109	159	116	127	51	83	134	70
February ...	189	125	82	69	123	155	110	71	92	106	89	86	99
March ...	24	40	30	28	31	31	41	26	30	46	33	35	41
April ...	94	110	78	32	87	101	103	38	63	124	83	348	142
May ...	131	140	55	97	105	160	139	55	90	94	93	69	90
June ...	212	225	137	122	181	177	219	143	167	429	321	205	373
July ...	103	71	71	205	95	83	58	77	73	164	126	40	139
August ...	135	157	151	107	144	156	139	157	152	44	61	34	47
September ...	46	16	34	18	30	23	18	32	27	68	18	21	50
October ...	42	68	125	116	85	53	72	128	104	94	80	77	89

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, and 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12·3625d. sterling (Aust. 15·4531d.) in 1942-43 to 1945-46. A new agreement has been made for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of future clips.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
July ...	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696
August ...	128,260	105,532	113,506	110,161	195,702	189,247	189,713	178,857
September ...	180,883	158,065	73,356	132,093	376,585	347,312	263,069	310,950
October ...	195,950	173,622	129,588	183,001	572,535	520,934	392,657	493,951
November ...	159,518	128,231	166,656	...	732,053	649,165	559,313	...
December ...	88,943	94,774	111,713	...	820,996	743,939	671,026	...
January ...	37,213	135,652	101,888	...	858,209	879,591	772,914	...
February ...	30,274	60,931	24,884	...	888,483	940,522	797,798	...
March ...	44,208	43,493	23,799	...	932,691	984,015	821,597	...
April ...	40,835	42,000	20,854	...	973,526	1,020,015	842,451	...
May ...	41,491	51,274	34,419	...	1,015,017	1,077,289	876,870	...
June ...	56,745	56,870	41,007	...	1,071,762	1,134,159	917,877	...

**3. WHEAT.**

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average 1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44 ... ..	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13'1
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12'2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17'0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17'6
1944-45... ..	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6'0

A preliminary forecast by the Division of Marketing, Department of Agriculture, of the 1945-46 wheat yield is 51,000,000 bushels.

**4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.**

The British Government purchases under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price or choicest, 142s. 10d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports from July, 1942, was increased to 184s. 8½d. from July, 1944. The wholesale price for local consumption has been 166s. 10d. per cwt. since 6th March, 1942.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Thousand lb.					
July ... ..	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286
August ... ..	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008
September ... ..	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007
October ... ..	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,488	.....
November ... ..	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	.....
December ... ..	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	.....
January ... ..	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	.....
February ... ..	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	.....
March ... ..	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	.....
April ... ..	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	.....
May ... ..	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	.....
June ... ..	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	.....
Year ... ..	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	.....
Three Months ended September ... ..	17,515	16,461	11,524	10,924	12,301

**5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.**

The following results from 42 large factories afford an indication of trends in manufacturing :—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Thousand £.												
January ...	4,519	5,808	4,965	4,983	282	275	261	241	1,459	1,563	1,493	1,393
February ...	4,768	4,799	5,712	5,250	282	272	258	240	1,484	1,546	1,476	1,404
March ...	5,097	5,451	5,705	5,502	280	270	256	239	1,477	1,534	1,469	1,379
April ...	4,904	5,424	4,830	5,015	278	271	256	237	1,513	1,561	1,449	1,374
May ...	4,925	5,696	5,878	5,436	278	269	253	237	1,517	1,517	1,447	1,363
June ...	5,077	5,632	5,478	5,303	277	269	252	237	1,564	1,544	1,433	1,372
July ...	5,410	5,520	5,061	5,639	277	268	251	236	1,531	1,514	1,426	1,378
August ...	5,003	5,500	5,476	5,468	277	266	249	237	1,532	1,533	1,413	1,377
September ...	5,352	5,710	5,222	5,269	277	267	248	234	1,564	1,525	1,416	1,345
October ...	5,420	5,753	5,449	...	280	266	247	...	1,576	1,536	1,400	...
November ...	5,826	5,701	5,811	...	280	264	246	...	1,603	1,517	1,433	...
December ...	5,853	5,653	5,159	...	279	265	246	...	1,583	1,552	1,441	...
Average (January-December)	5,180	5,554	5,400	...	279	269	252	...	1,534	1,537	1,441	...

## 6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## (a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Year.	Month of October.				September Quarter.		
	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.		Industrial and Rural Towns.	Total, New South Wales.*	
	Total New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings.		New Buildings.		New Buildings and Additions.
			No. of Permits.	Value.	No. of Permits.	Value.	
1942 ...	£ 158,880	£ 6,999	17	£ 101,205	75	£ 23,708	£ 375,828
1943 ...	103,879	20,986	10	12,428	77	36,293	562,134
1944 ...	151,358	66,856	50	33,987	105	51,283	693,131
1945 ...	1,134,449	52,817	867	922,267	717†	507,192†	2,990,456†

\*Metropolis, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded. † Preliminary.

## (b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The value according to principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued in Sydney and Suburbs and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>							
Month of October—							
1943	2,934	3,830	265	67,517	511	28,822	103,879
1944	11,033	21,619	550	45,735	2,729	69,692	151,358
1945	451,463	489,797	14,277	69,866	8,699	100,347	1,134,449
Ten Months ended Oct.—							
1943	30,236	38,995	4,674	882,567	9,845	233,878	1,200,195
1944	73,354	125,418	9,450	817,414	17,822	215,408	1,258,866
1945	1,435,842	1,559,487	32,774	610,743	52,437	349,233	4,040,516
<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>							
September Quarter—							
1944	7,339	55,293	762	35,498	7,236	57,982	164,110
1945†	84,215	447,369	2,728	39,120	18,386	48,622	640,440
Nine Months ended Sept.—							
1944	19,768	140,052	6,000	108,461	18,394	130,635	423,310
1945†	116,702	689,055	6,010	127,558	46,421	120,933	1,106,679

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached. † Preliminary.

## (c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to total for private building shown above, value of work authorised and contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales was as follow:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of October.			Ten Months ended October.		
	1943.	*1944.	1945.	1943.	*1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs ...	74,327	135,403	447,485	2,459,451	1,460,110	3,742,679
Remainder of State ...	43,149	107,181	252,874	1,131,288	916,826	1,700,499
Total, New South Wales ...	117,476	242,584	700,359	3,590,739	2,376,936	5,443,178

\* Revised.



## SECTION B.—TRADE.

## 7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Million £.							
Year ended 31st December ...	200.29	202.79	229.03	238.65	240.54	251.40	.....
January ...	13.24	16.33	15.83	18.69	17.18	18.01	18.62
February ...	16.54	14.64	17.48	19.39	21.60	20.48	21.47
March ...	15.78	16.97	17.40	19.53	19.44	18.00	21.75
April ...	15.79	17.88	19.06	19.19	21.88	21.68	20.81
May ...	17.46	14.85	18.75	20.72	19.56	21.45	22.24
June ...	14.88	17.07	21.76	18.93	20.91	20.67	19.40
July ...	15.28	16.74	17.63	19.17	19.81	20.87	22.01
August ...	16.81	17.17	20.41	20.86	18.75	23.82	20.22
September ...	19.44	17.48	21.60	19.59	19.93	21.46	23.72
October ...	19.22	18.50	18.25	22.06	20.80	21.82	.....
November ...	17.53	18.13	20.58	19.54	21.07	20.30	.....
December ...	18.32	17.03	20.28	20.98	19.61	22.84	.....

## 8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended December—			Percentage increase + or decrease —					
1938 ... ..	303	303	+ 4.8	+ 5.2	+ 11.6	+ 5.0		
1939 ... ..	303	303	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.9		
1940 ... ..	303	305	+ 6.3	+ 17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.9		
1941 ... ..	305	304	+ 14.6	+ 8.0	+ 9.0	+ 4.0		
1942 ... ..	304	303	— 5.3	+ 9.2	— 5.1	— 8.4		
1943 ... ..	303	306	— 11.3	— 6.8	— 9.7	— 17.6		
1944 ... ..	306	302	+ 3.2	— 0.2	— 4.6	+ 1.4		
1944.								
September ...	26	26	+ 3.7	+ 5.0	— 1.5	— 3.8	+ 6.6	— 0.9
October ...	25	25	+ 5.6	+ 4.3	+ 0.1	— 3.2	+ 7.0	+ 0.3
November ...	26	26	+ 10.6	+ 4.4	+ 0.9	— 2.5	+ 6.8	— 0.2
December ...	25	24	+ 6.1	+ 4.6	— 0.6	— 1.3	+ 7.4	+ 0.1
1945.								
January ...	23	25	+ 20.1	+ 2.6	+ 5.2	— 0.9	+ 11.0	+ 1.6
February ...	25	24	+ 6.7	+ 7.7	— 2.4	— 3.3	+ 10.0	+ 0.7
March ...	27	26	— 6.6	+ 17.0	+ 2.5	+ 1.1	+ 4.8	+ 1.8
April ...	21	24	+ 3.0	+ 18.3	+ 3.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
May ...	27	26	— 9.7	+ 26.9	+ 4.4	+ 2.5	— 4.9	+ 3.5
June ...	25	25	+ 19.3	+ 24.0	+ 3.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.2	+ 3.6
July ...	26	26	+ 31.6	+ 16.7	+ 7.1	+ 4.3	+ 10.6	+ 4.8
August ...	27	25	+ 16.6	+ 11.9	+ 6.4	+ 4.4	+ 21.8	+ 5.5
September ...	26	25	+ 21.1	+ 10.2	+ 4.0	+ 6.7	+ 22.5	+ 5.8

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 20.

## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

## 9. RAILWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

Month of September.				Three months ended 30th September.			
		Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.			Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
		£	£	£			£
1943	...	3,020,506	2,463,350	557,156	9,046,454	6,349,746	2,696,708
1944	...	2,550,964	1,896,570	654,394	8,066,145	5,795,442	2,270,703
1945	...	2,605,075	1,894,387	710,688	7,968,549	5,979,503	1,989,046

\* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,159,000 in year 1944-45.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

Month of September.				Three months ended 30th September.			
		Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.			Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
		thousands.	thousands.			thousands.	thousands.
1943	...	1,678	19,961	5,182	60,370	5,182	60,370
1944	...	1,602	20,287	4,932	61,740	4,932	61,740
1945	...	1,360	21,383	4,384	65,420	4,384	65,420

\* Partly estimated.

## 10. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

## SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
Month of September—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1943 ...	413,000	30,300	37,595	42,200	4,500	3,381
1944 ...	419,800	39,600	41,692	44,200	5,700	3,610
1945 ...	428,600	(£) 35,400	40,403	45,000	(£) 1,000	3,750
Three months ended 30th September.	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1943 ...	1,251,020	78,110	114,673	125,420	16,900	10,034
1944 ...	1,286,400	121,300	123,980	134,000	17,200	10,962
1945 ...	1,306,700	19,300	124,156	138,700	7,600	11,583

\* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £537,000 in year 1944-45.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

‡ Excess of Working Expenses which include amounts applicable to the three months, July-September.

## 11. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.  
(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	30th September.	31st October.	30th April.	31st August.	30th September.	31st October.
Cars ... ..	216,633	169,916	174,186	182,843	185,163	185,665	186,057	186,619
Lorries and Vans	77,639	71,248	73,245	79,405	82,052	84,257	84,925	86,045
Trailers ... ..	6,538	6,965	7,050	7,943	8,943	9,187	9,268	9,334
Tractors† ... ..	1,102	1,366	1,409	1,599	1,705	1,787	1,795	1,817
Cycles—Solo ... ..	17,111	10,538	9,728	11,455	11,851	12,319	12,532	12,824
Cycles—Side-car	6,884	4,785	4,399	3,847	4,005	4,076	4,144	4,190
Omnibuses† ... ..	794	890	905	1,005	1,019	1,039	1,041	1,043
Taxi-cabs† ... ..	1,331	1,352	1,348	1,350	1,351	1,351	1,353	1,355
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	623	636	637	662	680	711
Total ... ..	329,219	267,768	272,893	290,083	296,726	300,343	301,795	303,938

\* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only  
‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

## Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
1941 ... ..	89	40	20	21	32	44	46	40	43	45	41	43
1942 ... ..	21	29	17	19	16	21	16	10	13	9	7	4
1943 ... ..	6	4	6	3	4	6	40	45	60	55	60	64
1944 ... ..	4	c	4	5	6	6	84	84	73	62	66	53
1945 ... ..	7	5	4	6	6	7	35	43	48	44	38	60

## 12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
April ... ..	494,004	503,494	537,319	561,638	567,295
May ... ..	495,238	500,565	543,419	563,277	571,616
June ... ..	494,884	500,451	552,044	560,032	572,697
July ... ..	494,904	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078
August ... ..	498,073	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893
September ... ..	500,125	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280
October ... ..	499,804	515,228	555,450	561,504	571,656

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

## 13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).‡

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits †	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1934 ... ..	75,714	November ...	86,684	104,930	138,328	176,748
1935 ... ..	77,906	December ...	86,581	105,745	142,108	179,128
1936 ... ..	80,000	January ... ..	86,716	109,220	146,283	181,801
1937 ... ..	81,952	February ... ..	87,167	112,818	150,375	184,725
1938 ... ..	86,016	March ... ..	86,759	115,642	154,154	187,894
1939 ... ..	87,474	April ... ..	87,056	115,500	156,025	189,566
1940 ... ..	82,111	May ... ..	85,179	118,016	157,045	192,884
1941 ... ..	87,750	June† ... ..	82,111	122,405	162,867	198,203
1942 ... ..	94,538	July ... ..	82,135	126,689	166,751	200,932
1943 ... ..	122,405	August ... ..	83,074	130,519	170,104	204,794
1944 ... ..	162,867	September ...	83,827	134,163	173,037	207,520
1945 ... ..	198,203	October ... ..	84,568	136,326	173,981	209,906

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £19,552,398 at 31st October, 1945, including £51,135 in October, 1945.

**14. TRADING BANKS\*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.**

September Quarter.	Deposits.	Cash in Aust.†	Treasury Bills.	Govt. and Municipal Securities.	Special War-time Deposits with Comw'th Bank.	Advances.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1941 ...	363,867	38,925	33,999	61,752	...	281,958
1942 ...	392,295	46,322	40,140	56,580	38,238	264,110
1943 ...	465,327	38,230	55,000	76,056	106,234	244,746
1944 ...	536,943	36,643	55,230	95,233	182,835	217,152
1945 ...	577,146	36,236	52,853	106,811	226,369	211,061

\*Nine Private Banks.

† Exclusive of London Funds.

**15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).**

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

September Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.
	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Total.		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1941 ...	71,129	64,851	135,980	114,936	21,044
1942 ...	82,342	61,263	143,605	107,735	35,870
1943 ...	103,298	67,510	170,808	94,124	76,684
1944 ...	127,295	75,743	203,038	85,679	117,359
1945 ...	142,123	78,108	220,231	86,666	133,565

**16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).**

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	82.7	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	98	110	117	123	136	150	152
February ...	75.5	88.9	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	96	110	114	123	139	147	149
March ...	80.5	87.8	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	93	107	110	119	138	146	145
April ...	70.7	84.3	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	98	111	111	125	150	150	154
May ...	82.0	90.2	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	100	111	117	125	155	158	160
June ...	80.3	94.5	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	101	115	123	133	163	166	169
July ...	71.2	94.6	98.9	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	98	116	125	130	155	168	167
August ...	74.9	83.6	87.0	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	99	118	123	135	160	169	168
September ...	74.9	84.5	94.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	99	117	124	134	155	163	166
October ...	78.0	90.1	101.8	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	100	113	123	138	152	159	166
November ...	86.1	93.5	99.6	105.0	129.3	126.3	...	102	114	124	135	149	153	...
December ...	91.7	100.1	104.9	121.6	127.3	127.6	...	106	115	124	136	150	152	...
Year ...	932.3	1074.8	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	...	100	113	120	131	151	156	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.



## 17. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Medium-dated.	Long-dated.	Short-dated. 2 years.	Long-dated. 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938 ... ..	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'76	...	...
1939 ... ..	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940 ... ..	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.	2'47	3'23
1942 ... ..	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'45	3'24
1943 ... ..	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'48	3'23
1944 ... ..	5'0	4'4	2'43	2'72	3	2'45	3'24
Months—			2'30	2'60	...		
1944—September ...	5'0	4'6	2'34	2'49	...	2'47	3'24
December ... ..	5'0	4'3	2'19	2'51	...	2'49	3'24
1945—March ... ..	4'9	4'4	2'14	2'43	...	2'48	3'25
June ... ..	4'8	4'5	2'25	2'39	...	2'49	3'25
August ... ..	4'8	4'4	2'42	2'65	...	2'48	3'25
September ... ..	4'8	4'4	2'43	2'82	...	2'48	3'25
October ... ..	4'8	4'4	2'32	2'83	...	2'48	3'24

\* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

## 18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.					Amount of Mortgages.*				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	Thousand £.									
January ... ..	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,786	1,148	916	595	383	608
February ... ..	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,507	1,999	1,329	975	390	611	593
March ... ..	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	2,059	1,320	996	503	663	688
April ... ..	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,663	1,305	891	536	302	526
May ... ..	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	2,204	1,324	526	381	495	606
June ... ..	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	2,373	1,273	599	400	687	864
July ... ..	3,165	1,540	1,783	1,992	2,726	1,470	622	399	543	902
August ... ..	2,545	1,671	1,379	2,241	2,238	1,213	451	450	723	861
September ... ..	2,941	1,616	1,551	1,772	2,684	1,571	516	432	597	1,005
October ... ..	3,013	1,514	1,549	1,654	3,260	1,413	423	618	634	1,128
November ... ..	2,548	1,942	1,558	1,899	...	1,022	530	558	529	...
December ... ..	2,972	1,260	1,592	1,708	...	1,242	562	494	699	...
Year ... ..	33,239	21,609	17,542	19,462	...	15,630	8,007	5,756	6,866	...

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of October.			Ten Months ended 31st October.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1943 ... ..	72,781	56,692	36,899	1,359,791	1,552,928	649,637
1944 ... ..	43,936	37,971	34,213	918,448	1,240,761	498,358
1945 ... ..	44,706	78,068	98,865	879,375	1,302,250	880,618

See note under Table 18.

\* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

## 20. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Govern- mental Authori- ties. (a)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (b)	Allied Works Council Projects.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Profession- al and Personal Services. (c)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	94.5	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	...	158.8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	202.1	...	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	213.3	19.5	80.3	32.3	36.0	45.0
1943—July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	217.8	14.4	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3
Sept. ...	155.0	365.0	520.0	25.0	219.2	12.3	80.6	28.4	33.4	43.8
1944—July ...	152.4	369.7	522.1	24.4	217.5	6.6	84.1	28.4	34.2	45.4
Sept. ...	154.2	369.4	523.6	24.7	215.3	6.5	85.4	28.6	35.1	45.9
Oct. ...	152.5	370.7	523.2	24.7	215.9	7.0	84.1	28.7	35.2	46.0
Nov. ...	153.4	372.5	525.9	24.8	215.2	7.2	85.6	29.1	35.6	46.2
Dec. ...	152.3	374.2	526.5	24.5	215.0	8.5	84.4	30.5	35.6	46.4
1945—Jan. ...	153.4	375.6	529.0	24.8	215.7	8.4	85.6	29.5	35.7	46.8
Feb. ...	154.1	376.1	530.2	24.6	215.4	8.6	86.2	29.4	35.8	46.8
Mar. ...	154.9	374.7	529.6	24.0	214.5	8.8	85.2	29.6	36.0	47.0
April ...	155.8	375.2	531.0	24.7	213.8	8.9	86.9	29.6	35.6	46.9
May ...	155.4	375.6	531.0	24.3	213.2	8.9	86.7	30.0	35.7	46.9
June ...	155.8	377.1	532.9	24.4	214.5	8.6	87.2	29.7	35.9	47.3
July ...	156.5	377.5	534.0	24.6	214.2	7.3	88.0	29.9	35.9	47.6
Aug. ...	155.6	379.2	534.8	24.8	214.3	5.9	88.7	30.2	36.4	48.3
Sept. ...	155.3	374.1	529.4	24.7	208.3	4.8	87.6	30.8	37.0	48.7
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	36.3	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	59.3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	76.0	...	8.1	40.9	17.6	57.0
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	84.8	...	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
1943—July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	94.6	...	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
Sept. ...	46.7	206.5	253.2	0.2	96.5	...	13.1	38.0	20.8	63.3
1944—July ...	45.5	206.1	251.6	0.2	92.2	...	13.9	37.2	20.4	65.7
Sept. ...	44.4	207.3	251.7	0.2	91.5	...	14.0	37.3	20.8	66.7
Oct. ...	44.7	207.8	252.5	0.2	91.0	...	14.0	37.7	20.8	67.4
Nov. ...	44.5	209.3	253.8	0.2	90.8	...	14.0	38.7	20.8	67.8
Dec. ...	44.2	210.3	254.5	0.2	90.3	...	14.0	40.4	20.7	67.4
1945—Jan. ...	44.1	207.3	251.4	0.2	88.8	...	14.0	38.5	20.7	67.6
Feb. ...	43.9	208.5	252.4	0.2	89.5	...	14.1	38.4	20.6	68.1
Mar. ...	43.7	209.4	253.1	0.2	89.2	...	14.1	38.7	20.7	68.5
April ...	43.7	208.3	252.0	0.2	88.2	...	14.1	38.8	20.4	68.5
May ...	43.6	208.1	251.7	0.2	87.9	...	14.0	39.0	20.3	68.6
June ...	43.5	209.1	252.6	0.2	87.8	...	14.6	39.3	20.5	68.8
July ...	43.3	208.8	252.1	0.2	87.4	...	14.6	39.2	20.6	68.5
Aug. ...	42.8	210.3	253.1	0.3	87.6	...	14.6	39.5	20.7	69.2
Sept. ...	41.3	209.0	250.3	0.2	84.3	...	14.4	39.7	20.9	69.6
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	130.8	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	218.1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	278.1	...	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.5
1942—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	298.1	19.5	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9
1943—July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	312.4	14.4	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
Sept. ...	201.7	571.5	773.2	25.2	315.7	12.3	93.7	66.4	54.2	107.1
1944—July ...	197.9	575.8	773.7	24.6	309.7	6.6	98.0	65.6	54.6	111.1
Sept. ...	198.6	576.7	775.3	24.9	306.8	6.5	99.4	65.9	55.9	112.6
Oct. ...	197.2	578.5	775.7	24.9	306.9	7.0	98.1	66.4	56.0	113.4
Nov. ...	197.9	581.8	779.7	25.0	306.0	7.2	99.6	67.8	56.4	114.0
Dec. ...	196.5	584.5	781.0	24.7	305.3	8.5	98.4	70.9	56.3	113.8
1945—Jan. ...	197.5	582.9	780.4	25.0	304.5	8.4	99.6	68.0	56.4	114.4
Feb. ...	198.0	584.6	782.6	24.8	304.9	8.6	100.3	67.8	56.4	114.9
Mar. ...	198.6	584.1	782.7	24.2	303.7	8.8	99.3	68.3	56.7	115.5
April ...	199.5	583.5	783.0	24.9	302.0	8.9	101.0	68.4	56.0	115.4
May ...	199.0	583.7	782.7	24.5	301.1	8.9	100.7	69.0	56.0	115.5
June ...	199.3	586.2	785.5	24.6	302.3	8.6	101.8	69.0	56.4	116.1
July ...	199.8	586.3	786.1	24.8	301.6	7.3	102.6	69.1	56.5	116.1
Aug. ...	198.4	589.5	787.9	25.1	301.9	5.9	103.3	69.7	57.1	117.5
Sept. ...	196.6	583.1	779.7	24.9	292.6	4.8	102.0	70.5	57.9	118.3

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1944, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

## 21. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).  
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
January ...	100	103	93	110	119	125	136	141	141	164	155	173
February ...	100	105	95	112	122	125	135	142	145	159	161	174
March ...	100	102	95	111	121	130	130	143	146	164	165	171
April ...	100	104	96	110	119	125	137	141	147	164	162	172
May ...	100	106	95	110	122	128	128	146	144	166	172	178
June ...	100	103	99	114	127	131	135	150	154	174	176	176
July ...	100	105	97	112	126	134	139	149	158	171	177	184
August ...	100	106	97	107	128	135	137	151	157	181	181	177
September ...	100	108	97	113	123	134	134	151	158	171	172	180
October ...	100	109	96	113	121	135	137	154	163	162	169	174
November ...	100	109	97	116	124	136	139	152	161	164	171	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	124	131	138	153	165	163	169	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	123	131	135	148	154	167	170	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

## 22. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22'8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4

\* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

## 23. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0

\* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

## 24. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1929 ... ..	2	0 57	21	14 5	25	19 5	200	11 5	4	4 11
1938 ... ..	2	0 14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ... ..	2	1 42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ... ..	2	2 95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ... ..	2	4 26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ... ..	2	4 66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ... ..	2	4 63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ... ..	2	4 63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945—May ...	2	4 80	31	17 1	30	16 6	350	14 5	10	12 3
June ... ..	2	4 80	39	1 6	31	11 3	350	14 5	10	14 9
July ... ..	2	4 80	35	10 2	40	2 4	352	0 6	10	15 3
August ... ..	2	4 80	36	2 3	34	6 5	352	19 1	10	15 3
September... ..	2	10 15	38	0 9	49	1 2	353	17 8	10	15 3

## 25. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1944—Oct. ...	240.2	202.3	160.9	145.0	263.3	192.0	206.6
Nov. ... ..	240.3	202.6	162.8	145.4	264.1	192.5	207.1
Dec. ... ..	240.4	203.0	162.5	146.0	264.1	192.6	207.0
1945—Jan. ...	240.6	203.5	162.7	146.3	264.1	192.8	207.3
Feb. ... ..	241.7	205.0	168.5	148.0	264.5	194.7	209.3
Mar. ... ..	242.2	205.9	170.1	148.7	264.6	195.4	209.8
April ... ..	242.3	207.3	170.2	148.8	264.6	195.7	210.0
May ... ..	242.2	207.2	170.5	148.4	264.6	195.7	210.0
June ... ..	242.3	207.7	170.4	148.0	264.6	195.7	210.1
July ... ..	242.2	207.4	170.3	147.3	264.6	195.6	210.0
Aug. ... ..	242.3	207.3	170.3	146.8	264.6	195.6	209.9
Sept. ... ..	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
Oct. ... ..	255.3	216.3	178.2	150.8	274.6	204.5	220.2

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies.      § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1944, was 2,884,848 (revised), or 39.3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943: 1,398,170).

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